




HAMILTON POLICE SERVICE

RECOMMENDATION REPORT

TO:	Chair and Members Hamilton Police Services Board
BOARD MEETING DATE:	March 26, 2021
SUBJECT:	Community Safety and Policing (CSP) Grants 1) 2020-2021 & 2021-2022: (two-year grant cycle, broken down in two one-year segments.) “Youth Engagement Series – Y.E.S.” Program Grant-The Ministry of the Solicitor General 2) 2020-2021 & 2021-2022: (two-year grant cycle, broken down in two one-year segments.) “Youth Prevention & Intervention Initiative Grant-The Ministry of the Solicitor General
REPORT NUMBER:	21-019
SUBMITTED BY:	Frank Bergen, Acting Chief
SIGNATURE:	

RECOMMENDATION(S)

- A) That the Hamilton Police Services Board enter into an Agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario as represented by the Ministry of the Solicitor General (the “Ministry”) whereby the Ministry provides to the Hamilton Police Service two separate Grant’s:
- 1) A maximum amount of \$147,800 to be used exclusively for the cost associated for the **“Youth Engagement Series – Yes”** program in partnership with the Hamilton YMCA and the City of Hamilton Youth Xperience Annex program;
 - 2) A maximum amount of \$160,281 to be used exclusively for the cost associated for the **“Youth Prevention & Initiative”** in partnership with the Hamilton John Howard Society of Hamilton, Burlington and Area; and
- B) That the Chair and Administrator of the Board be authorized and directed to execute such an Agreement, in a form satisfactory to Legal Counsel, to the Police Service.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Province established the *Community Safety and Policing (CSP) Grant* program to support eligible police services/boards in combating crime and keeping Ontario communities safe.

The new, outcomes-based CSP Grant provides eligible police service/boards with greater flexibility to implement initiatives that address policing needs and priority risks related to safety and well-being. In order to ensure that local and provincial priorities are addressed, the CSP Grant offers two different funding streams – one focused on local priorities and the other addressing identified provincial priorities.

This agreement pertains to the two-year grant cycle (2020-21 – 2021-22) for the Provincial priorities funding stream of the CSP Grant.

Projects funded under this stream and grant cycle are to focus on the following Provincial related priorities:

1. Gun and gang violence;
2. Sexual violence and harassment; and/or
3. Human Trafficking.

The CSP Grant supports a variety of local community projects that focus on addressing local risks to help reduce crime and victimization.

This Grant is open to community-based, not-for-profit organizations, First Nations Chiefs and Councils with the support of local police and organizations from other sectors.

The Hamilton Police Service, by written application, requested funding for projects entitled **“Youth Engagement Series – Yes”** program and **“Youth Prevention & Intervention Initiative”** which the Province has accepted and wishes to provide the requested funds to the Hamilton Police Service.

- The 2020-2021 & 2021-2022 - **“Youth Engagement Series – Y.E.S.”** program grant from the Ministry of the Solicitor General represents the allocation of \$147,800 for the exclusive purposes, the Hamilton Police Service support the Hamilton YMCA in hiring a Hamilton YMCA anti-human trafficking youth-in-transition worker, a Hamilton YMCA part-time court support worker and material costs incurred to operate the program.
- The 2021-2022 - **“Youth Prevention & Intervention Initiative”** grant from the Ministry of the Solicitor General represents the allocation of \$160,281 for the exclusive purposes of the John Howard Society of Hamilton, Burlington and Area for their youth programming, supports and case management for in-risk, at-risk and high-risk youth and material cost incurred to operate the program.

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FINANCIAL – STAFFING - LEGAL

Financial

Pursuant to an application submitted by the Hamilton Police Service, the Ministry has approved an allocation of a maximum:

- A. \$147,800, to the Hamilton Police Services Board (the “Board”), to be used exclusively for the **“Youth Engagement Series – Y.E.S.”** program allocating the funds to the Hamilton YMCA to encompass all costs associated with operating the 2020-2021 & 2021-2022 Program;
- B. \$160,281, to the Hamilton Police Services Board (the “Board”), to be used exclusively for the **“Youth Prevention and Intervention Initiative”** allocating the funds to the John Howard Society of Hamilton, Burlington and Area to encompass all costs associated with operating the 2021-2022 Program;
- C. As the Hamilton Police Service are permitted to determine how to best allocate the funds amongst community partners, the primary goal is to assist and educate community youth addressing criminogenic thinking and develop pro-social behaviors.
- D. The outcome-based data will be captured in both Year One and Year Two of the required Interim and Final Reports to be submitted to the Ministry.
- E. The Ministry agrees to pay the Grant up to a maximum:
 - 1. \$49,325.00 for fiscal year 2020-2021 and \$98,475.00 for fiscal year 2021-2022 for the **“Youth Engagement Series – Y.E.S.”** program. The Grant funding shall be paid out following the Ministry’s receipt and approval of the Interim (Schedule G) and Final (Schedule H) reports on Financial, Activities and Performance out-come based indicators as outlined in Schedule “E” and “F” of the Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement reflecting the Grant Application, submitted by the Police Service;
 - 2. \$160,281.00 for fiscal year 2021-2022 for the **“Youth Prevention & Intervention”** initiative. The Grant funding shall be paid out following the Ministry’s receipt and approval of the Interim (Schedule G) and Final (Schedule H) reports on Financial, Activities and Performance outcome-based indicators as outlined in Schedule “E” and “F” in the Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement reflecting the Grant Application, submitted by the Police Service;

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“Youth Engagement Series–Y.E.S.” Program

Fiscal Year – 2020-2021 – Schedule G = Interim Report – February 12, 2021
Schedule H – Final Report – April 30, 2021

Fiscal Year – 2021-2022 – Schedule G – Interim Report – October 29, 2021
Schedule H – Final Report - April 29, 2022

“Youth Prevention & Intervention Initiative”

Fiscal Year – 2021-2022 – Schedule G – Interim Report – October 29, 2021
Schedule H – Final Report - April 29, 2022

F. The Board, by signing the Agreement, represents and warrants that:

1. It shall achieve specific, measurable results according to established expectations as set out in the Agreement and the Grant Application;
2. As a condition of funding, the Board shall have in place the governance and the administrative structures and processes necessary to ensure prudent and effective management of the Grant.

Staffing: N/A

Legal

This Grant Agreement is consistent with other Agreements entered between the Service and the Ministry for grant funding.

INFORMATION

Ontario has accounted for 68% of all police-reported Human Trafficking incidents since 2009 (Stats Can). In this time, there were just under 1,400 victims reported by Police in Canada with 97% women and 28% under the age of 18 years.

There is a correlation with Human Trafficking and criminal activities such as Guns/Gangs, Sexual Violence/Abuse and Fraudulent incidents.

The lack of knowledge and understanding Human Trafficking among our youth, victims, parents and/or caregivers are common challenges placing young people at risk of recruitment and victims being unidentified and unserved.

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The “Youth Engagement Series – Y.E.S.” Program

In partnership with the Hamilton YMCA and the City of Hamilton Youth Annex program, the Hamilton Police Service created a new youth-focused engagement program to inform and empower at-risk youth aged 12 years – 18 years who experience difficulties finding their place within their community.

Through the program, youth will attend engagement sessions receiving presentations and workshops regarding Human Trafficking, Guns/Gangs, Vice/Drugs, Fraud and Social Media.

Through the *Community Safety and Policing (CSP) Grant*, these funds will be used to coordinate the operation and provide additional supports among the Hamilton Community such as hiring an additional YMCA anti-human trafficking youth in-transition worker and a part-time YMCA youth court support worker.

Through awareness, prevention and intervention strategies, the program will support youth in re-engaging within their community and educational programs.

The “Youth Prevention and Intervention Initiative”

The Hamilton Police Service and the John Howard Society of Hamilton, Burlington and Area will work collaboratively, utilizing an integrated service model approach involving various programs to improve community safety and well-being.

The initiative focuses on programming, supports and case management activities for in-risk, at-risk and high-risk youth in Grades 6, 7 and 8 and their families.

The program will be in person or virtually within the community and in partnership with local school boards with the goal of supporting youth to address criminogenic thinking patterns and develop pro-social behaviors.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED:

Appendix “A” – 2020-21 – 2021-22 CSP Grant – Ontario Youth Transfer Payment Agreement

Appendix “B” – CSP Grant – 2020-21 – 2021-22 – Youth Engagement – Y.E.S Proposal

Appendix “C” – CSP Grant – 2021-22 Youth Prevention & Intervention Proposal

Appendix “D” – Ministry Web Article – CSP Grants

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